

house and the door closed upon them."

The sob writer gathered up her paper and went to a telephone.

"There wasn't anything that would make a funny story this morning," she said. "I suppose you don't want a drab thing that is gray, gray, gray."

"Funny there wasn't anything humorous," said the city editor.

"There rarely is, except in people's brains," answered the sob writer as she hung up the 'phone.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, L. I. — Seventy persons killed and fifty seriously injured by explosion of ammunition depot in Lille.

San Antonio, Tex. — Victoriano Huerta, former Mexican dictator, probably will be indicted tomorrow morning by federal grand jury on charge of conspiracy to violate neutrality laws of U. S.

Laporte, Ind. — Melda Sommers, dead of injuries sustained when he drove automobile into collision with passenger train at LaCrosse, near here.

Washington. — Iron steamer Algiers, 2,300 tons, which has been aground near New Orleans for more than a week, floated.

Cincinnati. — Southern Ohio, Lower Indiana and part of Kentucky were aroused from slumber by violent shock, said to have been caused by meteor explosion.

Washington. — Chicago postmaster'ship will be given attention by Pres. Wilson next week. President will talk with C. C. Williams about Chicago job.

El Paso. — Typhus fever has broken out in Juarez; 8 to 10 deaths daily.

Washington. — Pres. Wilson is opposed to compulsory military service, Chairman Hay told house committee on military affairs.

Springfield, Ill. — Feasibility of using horse flesh in Illinois will be investigated by state board of agriculture.

PEOPLES GAS CO PLANS TO PROBE INTO ITSELF

The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co. is going to hold an elaborate and costly investigation of itself in order to determine what rate it should fix to sell gas to the consumers of Chicago.

It's going to be a fancy investigation conducted by a board of national experts on gas engineering. The city is not likely to be allowed to name an engineer to sit with this very exclusive investigating committee.

Plans for the big self investigation were spoken of by Sam'l Insull, president of the board of directors of the gas trust, at the council committee hearing on the gas rate this morning.

Meanwhile, Insull today again declined to let city representatives look at his gas company's books.

HELD BLAMELESS FOR BRITISH FAILURE AT DARDANELLES



GEN. SIR W. BIRDWOOD

The present commander of the British forces just withdrawn from the Gallipoli peninsula has been absolved of blame for failure of the campaign by former commander Sir Ian Hamilton.